

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACTS

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Bill Number: H. 3329 Introduced on January 10, 2023

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Subject: Dental Specialties Needing Special Licensure

Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs

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Impact Date: January 11, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows dental specialty licensees to be recognized by the American Board of Dental Specialties. Currently, a dentist must obtain a specialty license for any special area of dentistry recognized only by the American Dental Association before the dentist may hold himself out to the public as a specialist.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) or the Board of Dentistry (board) since the recognition of dental specialty licenses by the American Board of Dental Specialties will require the agency and board to perform activities that can be conducted in the normal course of business.

This bill will have an undetermined impact on Other Funds of LLR since the number of applicants that may apply for an initial dental specialty license in an area recognized by the American Board of Dental Specialties is unknown.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2023 State Expenditure

This bill allows dentists with a practice in special areas of dentistry recognized by the American Board of Dental Specialties to receive a special license and hold themselves out to the pubic as a specialist. Currently, these licensees must be recognized only by the American Dental Association.

LLR and the board indicate that the recognition of dental specialty licenses by the American Board of Dental Specialties will require the agency and board to perform activities that can be conducted in the normal course of business. Therefore, this bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on LLR or the board.

State Revenue

The board currently requires a dentist to obtain a specialty license for any special area of dentistry recognized only by the American Dental Association before the dentist may hold

himself out to the public as a specialist. This bill allows dental specialty licensees to be recognized by the American Board of Dental Specialties.

LLR indicates that the initial application fee for a dental specialty license is \$300, and the renewal fee is \$10. There are currently 791 dental specialists licensed with the board. However, LLR and the board are unable to estimate the number of applicants that may apply for an initial dental specialty license in an area recognized by the American Board of Dental Specialties. Therefore, the impact on Other Funds revenue of LLR is undetermined.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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